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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2001, the term for response to which expires on January 1, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 1, 5, 15, 20, and 30 as follows:

1. (Second Amended) An image reading apparatus,  
comprising:

a document holder on which a document is placed;

a document positioning member with reference to which

5 the document is positioned on the document holder;

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